

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION**

City Hall, Council Chambers
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

September 8, 2003

Closed Session 5:15 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Alice Dowdin, Cheryl Maki, Mike Holmes, Mayor Kathy Sands

Council Member Absent: Kevin Hanley

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio
Community Development Director Will Wong
Public Works Director Tom Fossum
Airport Manager Jerry Martin

Motion to adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54956.9: **MOTION: Holmes/Dowdin/Approved by voice/Absent: Hanley**

- (1) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Agency Negotiator: Robert Richardson
Employee Organization: Auburn Police Officer Association (APOA)
- (2) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Steven Proe et al. v. City of Auburn, Placer County Superior Court Case Number SCV 16054
Name of case: Howard v. Auburn Planning Commission, Placer County Superior Court Case Number SCV 16077

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION, 6:00 P.M.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation – Ernylla England, Arts Commission

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda was approved without objection.

Council Member Holmes suggested that the adjournment be in memory of the 9/11/01 victims.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 03-104** approve Warrants #54631 – 54833 totaling \$1,464,297.26.

2. **Auburn Folsom Road at Maidu Drive Traffic Signal Project – Notice of Completion**

By **RESOLUTION 03-105** authorize the recording of the Notice of Completion for the Auburn Folsom Road at Maidu Drive Traffic Signal Project.

3. **2003-2004 Street Overlay Project Phase 1**

By **MOTION** authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for the 2003-2004 Street Overlay Project.

4. **Wildland Fire Protection Agreement with California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2003/04.**

By **RESOLUTION 03-106** authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Wildland Fire Protection Agreement with California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2003/2004.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Maki/Dowdin/
Approved 4:0/Absent Hanley**

5. **Public Comment**

Glenn Tonkin, board member of Auburn Community Television (ACTV), thanked the Council for its support in the recent fundraiser.

REPORTS

6. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

None

7. **Informational Reports from Staff**

- A. Monthly Report – Airport Manager. Airport Manager Jerry Martin discussed his written report.
- B. Monthly Report – Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi reported that the fire safety inspections are moving along very well. He also spoke about the shaded fuel break and the weed abatement program.

8. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes reported that the parking on High Street from College Way to the Fairgrounds entrance has been changed to a three-hour parking limit.

Council Member Maki said that the president has named September 11th as Patriots Day.

Mayor Sands said that there will be a voter initiative on the November 2004 ballot that will deal with local control of our tax dollars.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

9. **Funding Request for Façade Improvement Program Grant and
Suspension of the Façade Improvement Program until Completion of
the Historic Design Review Guidelines – Economic Development
Commission Recommendation**

City Manager Bob Richardson told the Council that the EDC voted unanimously to fund 50% of the cost of the façade improvement of the

Bootleggers Old Town Tavern and Grill building. This project meets the eligibility requirements of the Façade Improvement Program and qualifies for a grant equal to a maximum of 50% of the project cost. However the EDC also recommends that Façade Improvement Program be suspended until the new design guidelines for Old Town And Downtown are completed.

Council Member Dowdin said she was afraid it would take too long to complete the new design guidelines, thereby preventing some businesses from moving forward with their improvements because they do not have adequate funding. She was against eliminating the program now because there may be some projects worthy of city financial assistance.

Council Member Maki agreed and said that, rather than suspending the program, we should leave it under the guidance of the Planning Department.

The City Manager suggested sending it back to the EDC to come up with some reasonable guidelines.

By **RESOLUTION 03-107** approve funding for a Façade Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$1,437.50. **MOTION: Holmes/Maki/ Approved 4:0/Absent: Hanley**

10. **City/Leaseholder Joint Offer to Retain the California Highway Patrol Air Unit at Auburn**

City Manager Jerry Martin said this is an offer of \$132,000 in annual savings for the CHP if they stay at the Auburn Airport and continue their lease rather than move to Sacramento. The cost to the City of Auburn would be \$26,000 per year for 5 years. The State would then be saving money by remaining in Auburn.

By **MOTION** approve in concept and authorize the Airport Manager to proceed with the development of a joint City/Airport business cost reduction strategy and submit the offer to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). **MOTION: Maki/Holmes/Approved 4:0/Absent: Hanley**

ADJOURNMENT at 7:08 p.m.

Adjourn to meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority.

Kathy Sands, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk